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SUBJECT: REASSIGNMENT OF TOP MOFA PERSONNEL

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA ANNOUNCED ON JAN 20 REASSIGNMENT OF SEVENTEEN RANKING DIPLOMATS, SEVEN TO AMBASSADORIAL POSTS. THIS IS THE FIRST MAJOR RESHUFFLE TO TAKE PLACE DURING SHOJI SATO'S TENURE AS VICE MINISTER. AT FIRST READING, WE SEE SOME EVIDENCE THAT THE ALLEGEDLY DOVISH "FRENCH SCHOOL" (FRENCH LANGUAGE OFFICERS) HAS UNDER SATO'S PATRONAGE ACQUIRED SEVERAL MORE KEY POSITIONS WITHIN MOFA AT EXPENSE OF "ENGLISH (LANGUAGE) SCHOOL." FURTHER UPPER-LEVEL SHIFTS ARE IN THE OFFING, TO FILL POSITIONS BEING VACATED BY MANY OF THE SEVENTEEN; WE SHALL BE WATCHING THESE IN EFFORT TO DEDUCE AND REPORT IMPLICATIONS FOR COURSE OF JAPANESE FOREIGN POLICY. EMBASSY IS SENDING TO CONCERNED POSTS BY SEPTTEL AVAILABLE BIO ON NEW AMBASSADORS.

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2. NOBUO MATSUNAGA, 53, FROM DIRGEN, TREATIES BUREAU

(SINCE AUG 74) TO DEP VICE MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION, VICE YOSHIO OKAWARA. MATSUNAGA WAS FIRST MEMBER OF A POST-WAR MOFA CLASS TO WIN DIRECTOR-GENERALSHIP, AFTER STINTS AS DEPDIRGEN, TREATIES (FROM JAN 1973), CHIEF OF PERSONNEL (1970-73) AND COUNSELOR, PARIS (1967-70).

E. TOSHIJIRO NAKAJIMA, 50, FROM MINISTER, LONDON (SINCE OCT. 75) TO DIRGEN, TREATIES BUREAU, VICE MATSUNAGA. ONLY AVAILABLE BIO (TO 1968) SHOWS NAKAJIMA ENTERED MOFA IN 1948 AND INTERSPERSED WORK IN TREATIES BUREAU WITH OVERSEAS TOURS IN MALAYSIA, AT J/UN, AND, AS VERY JUNIOR OFFICER, WASHINGTON. WE NOTE THAT NAKAJIMA WAS TREATIES DIVDIR IN TREATIES BUREAU DURING VICE MINISTER SATO'S TENURE AS TREATIES DIRGEN.

4. MORIYUKI MOTONO, 51, FROM ASSISTANT VICE MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION (SINCE SEPT. 73) TO DIRGEN, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU (VICE HIROMICHI MIYAZAKI). MOTONO, WHO ALSO ENTERED MOFA IN 1948, RETURNS TO THE ECONOMIC BUREAU AFTER LONG ABSENCE AS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER SATO (1964-67), A POSTING TO PARIS (1968-72) AND MOST RECENT JOB, IN WHICH HE REPORTEDLY OVERSAW EFFORT TO RESTRUCTURE MOFA.

5. HIDEO KAGAMI, 52, FROM DIRGEN, PLANNING AND RESEARCH DEPT. (SINCE JULY 75) TO DIRGEN, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA BUREAU (VICE TERUHIKO NAKAMURA). KAGAMI ALSO IS MEMBER OF MOFA CLASS OF 1948. HE CAME UP THROUGH EUROPEAN BUREAU, WITH TIME OUT FOR 1971-73 POSTING IN CAMBODIA, RISING TO DEPDIRGEN IN 1974.

6. TERUHIKO NAKAMURA, 55, FROM DIRGEN, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA, TO COUNSELOR, MINISTER'S OFFICE.

7. HIROMICH MIYAZAKI, 54, FROM DIRGEN, ECONOMIC BUREAU, TO COUNSELOR, MINISTER'S OFFICE. MIYAZAKI IS REPORTEDLY SLATED FOR EUROPEAN EMBASSY CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH KEY ECONOMIC ISSUES. (ALSO SEE TOKYO 0828).

8. KENSUKE YANAGIYA, 51, FROM MINISTER, PEKING (SINCE JULY 73) TO DIRGEN, PUBLIC INFORMATION BUREAU (VICE MIZUO KURODA), TO 1968, YANAGIYA HAD SERVED AS DIVDIR IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU (1968), 1ST SECRETARY IN LONDON (QOYRAYULN IN NE ASIA SECTION
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OF ASIA BUREAU, IN PAKISTAN, FRANCE AND CULTURAL SECTION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION BUREAU.

9. YUTAKA NOMURA, 50, FROM SR. DEPUTY DIRGEN, ECONOMIC BUREAU, (SINCE 1973) TO DIRGEN, PLANNING AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT (VICE HIDEO KAGAMI). IN MID-CAREER, NOMURA SERVED SEVERAL TOURS ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU (AS DIVISION CHIEF) AND ECONOMIC BUREAU. FROM 1968 UNTIL 1973 HE SERVED AS ECON. COUNSELOR, THEN

ECON MINISTER IN WASHINGTON.

10. YOSHIO OKAWARA, 56, FROM DEPUTY VICE MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION TO AMBASSADOR, CANBERRA (VICE KENZO YOSHIDA).

11. HIROSHI HITOMI, 60, WHOSE ASSIGNMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH VIETNAM LASTED BUT THREE MONTHS (APRIL-JULY 75), HAS BEEN NAMED AMBASSADOR, BANGKOK, VICE MASATO FUJISAKI. FUJISAKI IS RUMORED AS CHIEF DELEGATE TO NEXT LOS CONFERENCE, VICE AMBASSADOR SAITO SHIZUO, WHO HAS HANDS FULL TENDING BOTH LOS AND GENEVA DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE).

12. MIZUO KURODA, 56, FROM DIRGEN, PUBLIC INFORMATION BUREAU (SINCE AUGUST 73). TO AMBASSADOR, BELGRADE (VICE HIDEMICHI KIRA).

13. HIROSHI NEMOTO, 58, FROM MOFA LIAISON OFFICE, OSAKA (SINCE JULY 73) TO AMBASSADOR, RQWALPINDI, VICE TAKESHI KANEMATSU.

14. FUMIHIKO SUZUKI, 56, FROM COUNSELOR, MOFA (SINCE AUGUST 75) TO AMBASSADOR, PRAGUE (VICE SABURO KIMOTO).

15. SABURO KIMOTO, 58, FROM AMBASSADOR, PRAGUE (SINCE OCTOBER 72) TO AMBASSADOR, LIMA (VICE SHIGETO NIKAI).

16. TAKASHI SUZUKI, 64, FROM AMBASSADOR, MEXICO (SINCE MAY 1974) TO AMBASSADOR, NEW DELHI (VICE KINYA NIISEKI).

17. KENJI YASUDA, 59, FROM CONSUL GENERAL, MONTREAL (SINCE JAN. 74) TO AMBASSADOR, ABIDJAN (VICE HIDEO INAYOSHI).

18. FOR LONDON: EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE ANY BIO YOU HAVE ON NAKAJIMA (PARA. 3) COVERING PERIOD 1968-PRESENT.

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19. FOR USLO: EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE BIO ON YAMAGIYA (PARA 8), WHO HARRY THAYER TOLD US IS FREQUENT CONTACT.
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